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From The Editor...

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All the news that's fit to print, and then some...

Hello all, another smaller issue, but first...

A big thanks goes out to all the club members who participated in the club officers election. Thanks for taking the time to show that you care about the club's direction and leadership. Speaking of which: Welcome Jill K7JIL as she takes on the leadership role as the Radio Club of Tacoma's new president!

Also joining in is Harry W7HSA. Harry is taking on his first term on the RCT BOD. Welcome Harry. And by some weird turn of fate, your editor was also elected back on the board for my third term. I don't know how that happened, but thanks for the votes of confidence. Now I have to start attending more meetings again! Then there's Joe, K7AWJ taking on the task of being the RCT treasurer. Thanks Joe!

Other club house news…

Sweepstakes at the clubhouse was a roaring success. Thanks to Al N7OMS for spearheading this effort. RTC and the "Mighty 'DK" are becoming a force to be reckoned with on the contest scene. All you beginning contest folks are welcome to join in. The next big contest will be the ARRL ten meter contest. The weekend of December 13th and 14th. Some of us might play with this one at the RCT clubhouse.

This month will see the annual award banquet / RCT Christmas party at the TACID Building at the Tacoma Community College. That's right, I said Christmas, not X-mas or the generic "Holiday party"…

BE there or **BE** square Saturday evening December 13th!

Ok, enough from me…

Just remember: Where ever you are , there you are?

73 Gary WG7X

General Meeting Minutes

12 November 2008

The 12 November 2008 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President : Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Vice President:Rick Rose – KE7EMW
Secretary:: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY
Board Member: Al Burleson – K7HW
Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML
Board Member: Bob Purdom – AD7LJ

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 52 names on the attendance roster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Jill K7JIL led the Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were completed and Guests were welcomed. There were several visitors, and new hams.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Diane W7SIM reported that Casey WY7V has been in and out of the hospital recently and was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Included the usual utility bills, bank statements and nearly two hundred annual club ballots and several Salmon Run pledge returns. There was also a renewal notice for one of our generators.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG, Financial information was available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW Reports the current membership stood at 302 and that we have received three more applications tonight

Salmon Run: Rick KE7EMW reports that there are only a handful of the 104 Salmon Run pledges outstanding, and that if we receive all the pledges, we will have realized $.4,125.00 from the fund raiser. Jill K7JIL also advised the group that a committee, headed by Al Ferguson N7OMS are charged with making recommendations on what projects (within the guidelines established at the beginning of the drive) should be funded. Recommendations from the membership are welcome.

Hamfest: Bob, AD7LJ reminded those present that we are in need of a Hamfest Manager for next year.

VE Report: Larry KD4VOM reported for John Clarke, AC7WW

Eleven Volunteer Examiners gathered on a stormy Tuesday evening in November to grade thirteen elements of the amateur radio service tests. A total of seven candidates passed eight elements. The total for the evening was; Two new Technicians and four Generals. One candidate failed to obtain an upgrade.

Testing fees will increase to $15 dollars January 1st, 2009.

Next testing session will be Tuesday December 9th, 2008.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for their time:

Harry, W7HSA	Steve, AD7VL
Al, AC7BU	Jon, AD7AW
Rich, KK7VH	Bill, AB7WJ
Jim, N7RHX	Mike, AD7TH
Roddney, WV7O	Bill, AD7QI

Logger's Certificates: Nick K7MO reminded us that the club has a long tradition of promoting contacts through its Logger's Certificates, which are awarded to any member who makes ham radio contacts with any other current active member on any band, any mode. The certificates are awarded for reaching 10 contacts (validated by K7MO, and additional certificates can be won for every additional 10 Contacts.

Awards Banquet: Rich Manson N7ANF outlined this year's annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Potluck, which will be held on 13 December at the TACID building on 19th and Mildred. We have donations of two turkeys, but could use a ham. Bring whatever you like to eat, and enjoy good company. We will recognize this year's volunteers and there will be many door prizes, including the annual HRO gift certificate.
NEW BUSINESS: None

PROGRAM: Worth, W7WG acting for our Program Director introduced tonight's program which was devoted to various homebrew antennas, baluns and tuning antennas.

Bill Wright AC7QI, Al Churchill AC7BU and Steve AD7VL collaborated to discuss and present several antenna designs, including the venerable "J Pole", the Egg Beater, the Mystery antenna, The Cage, as well as some practical feedback on how they worked at Bill's homebrew antenna range.

ELECTION of Officers: Charles KD7UAN, Jon AD7AW and Lynn K7OKS our appointed Election committee counted this year's ballots and announced the following results for 2009 – 2011 terms:

Elected President: Jill Palmer K7JIL

Elected Treasurer: Joe Lester K7AWJ

Elected Board Director:Harry Adams W7HSA

Elected Board Director: Gary McAdams WG7X

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting procedures: Jill K7JIL and Frank AC7JY explained several routine meeting procedures, the sign in sheet, door prize and raffle ticket procedures.

RCT "Radio Active": Steve AD7VL proposes a club field trip/campout to Westport on 10-11-12 April. The idea will be to set up camp at the American Sunset RV park where there are over 50 acres of RV slots and campgrounds. Steve has reserved 15 parking spots for those dates and the Clubhouse. Planned activities would include a SWL contest for non-ham family members and kids, a Saturday evening pot luck, Sunday morning pancake breakfast and a one hour all mode all band club sprint contest. Steve asked for feedback on who might be interested in the outing and many raised their hands.

RCT Club Jacket raffle: Rick KE7EMW announced the donation of a Club Jacket with large Club Logo on the Back, size large, to the club. The Club is raffling off the jacket for five dollars a ticket, from now until the drawing on December 13th at the Annual Awards Banquet. Ticket sales are to members only, but you do not have to be present to win.

ARRL Phone Sweepstakes: Al N7OMS, together with Gary WG7X are hosting a Radio Sport event at the clubhouse this weekend. The ARRL Annual Phone Sweepstakes runs Saturday and Sunday, the 15th and 16th. The club event is planned from around 1 pm PST until around 11pm Saturday, and again from around 8 am Sunday until around 7 pm. The contest goals are to contact as many of the 80 some ARRL sections in the US and Canada as possible. Al and Gary are soliciting folks to come down and get in the game… Of course there will be the normal Open House from 10 to 2 with coffee and donuts, but then around 3 pm Roger KE7EMV has offered to bring the hot dogs, buns and chips so folks won't go hungry. Here's a no-pressure way to "get your feet wet" and have some fun at the same time…

Tuning and Traffic: None

Door Prizes:

Si – KA7AQT won tonight's dual band mag mount antenna door prize, and Bruce – AD7WV won the a 100 ways to use an Oscilloscope book.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

General Meeting Minutes
26 November 2008

The 26 November 2008 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Jill Palmer – K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Officers and board members present:
Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML
Board Member: Bob Purdom – AD7LJ

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 28 names on the attendance roster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Vice President Rick KE7EMS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self Introductions were completed with several visitors including Al Williams Son Nathan Williams and daughter in law Yoshie Muraoka (Williams).

Several new calls were announced, including Bruce AS7WV and Bob AD7WU.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Rick KE7EMW reports that President Jill K7JIL is ill and Frank AC7JY is home caring for her. Our regular coffee and cheer guy is also under the weather but he was able to drop off the fixings so we didn't go without tonight. Thanks Roger KE7EMV…

We regret to report that former active member George Fisher – W6JYV has joined the Silent Key roster.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reports the normal utility bills and bank statements along with several letters from the Washington State DNR relative to insurance for our Crawford Mountain Repeater installation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG, Was unable to make the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW

Reports that we continue to add to our membership count which now stands at 308

Awards Banquet: Rick KE7EMW reminded folks of the upcoming Annual Christmas Awards Banquet and Pot Luck dinner, which will be held 13 December at the TACID building near 19th Street and Myrtle. Bring you favorite pot luck dish… Be advised that Rich KR7W is holding a green bean casserole tasting contest with a prize to be awarded…

PROGRAM: Ken Gibson N7ELF introduced Worth W7WG who presented tonight's scintillating program, "Forward to the Past – Japan" Worth's collection of 35mm slides from the past 50 + years provided an informative and interesting survey of his life in amateur radio with special focus on his several tours of duty as a Department of Defense Dependents Schools teacher at several locations in Japan. Worth encouraged and sponsored several school science and technology activities aimed at encouraging his students to explore electronics. He also provided the military communities where he served with MARS contacts back to the states in a time long before cell phones and when long distance, meant big money. A special surprise was provided when Al Williams' daughter in law Yoshie Muraoka (Williams)who hails from Tokyo presented, in traditional Japanese Kimono the Japanese version of Sukiyaki, which was very popular to the GI's but with much different English lyrics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LDS Examination Session: Harry W7HSA announced that a special December 13th VE session will be held at the Purdy LDS church where over 30 candidates are expected to test. John Clarke AC7WW is heading up the VE Team.

Pierce County Citizens Corps and Pierce County DEM Technicians Course: Larry, KD4VOM announced the RCT sponsorship of two Technician Training Courses in concert with the Pierce County Citizens Corps (Bud Larsen KE7GB, and Steve Morton AD7AB) and the Pierce County DEM… The courses will be held from 9 to 5 on January 24th and 31st at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center Building.

Pierce County DEM Homeless Initiative: Ken Gibson N7ELF announced another Pierce County initiative involving amateur radio…

April 2009 W7DK "Radio Active": Outing: Steve AD7VL announced that the reservations have been made for parking, tent and club-

house at American Sunset RV park at Westport.

Meeting Program Topics: Ken N7ELF reviewed some of the programs ideas under consideration and solicited others from the group.

Hints and Kinks: Bill AD7QI announced fining an Audio Spectrum Analyzer program on the internet. Here's the link http://www.spectraplus.com/

Tuning and Traffic:

Descheo Island DXpedition: Larry KD4VOM reported the ARRL announcement that February 12-16 has been approved for the 7th most wanted DX entity expedition. The info is in the current ARRL newsletter. 15 Operators will conduct operations in the 6 to 160 meter bands.

Door Prize:

No Door Prize tonight…

Rich KR7W, explains the internet…

RCT Annual Awards Banquet

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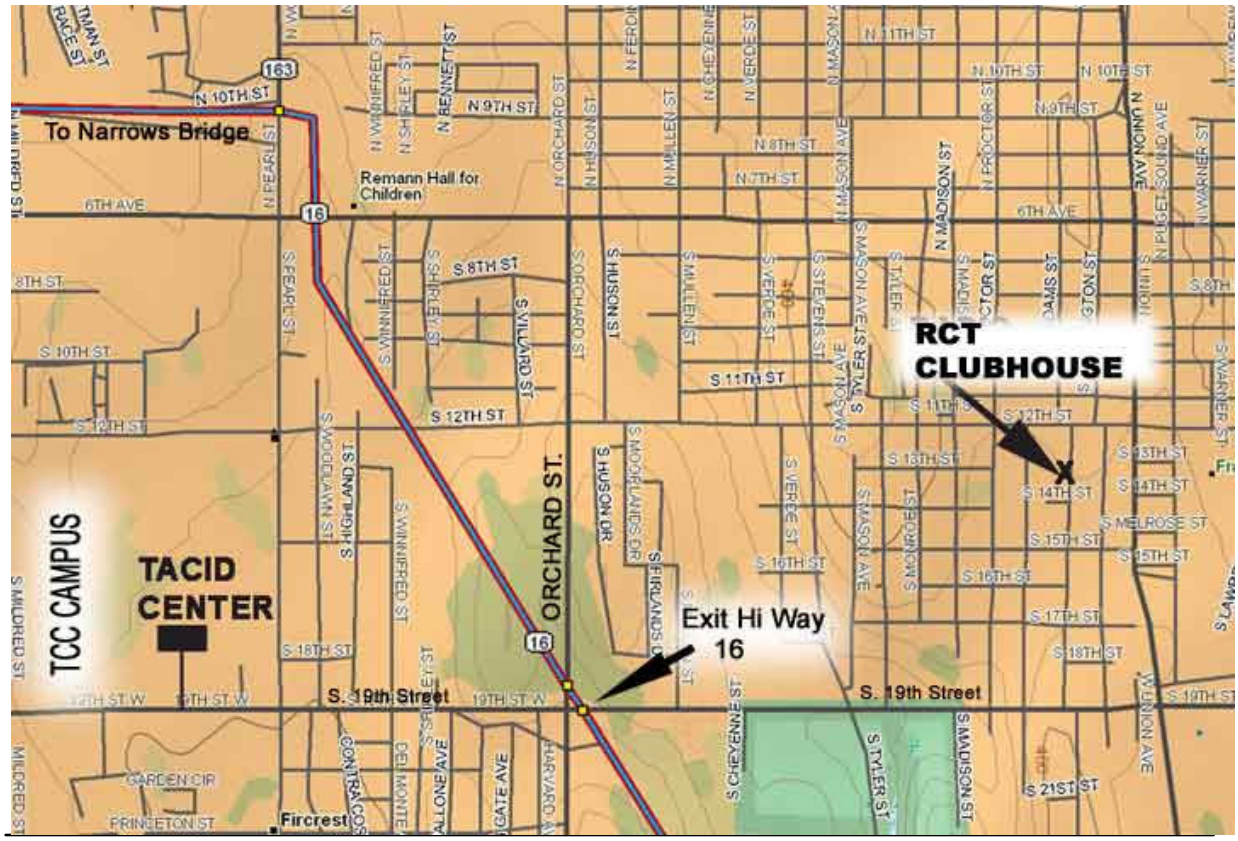


The W7OS Museum Committee Presents...

ARRL Straight Key Night - 2009UTC

Members and their guests are invited to attend the No Host Potluck dinner and participate in SKN.

The W7OS Doc Clifford J Spike Museum doors open at 4:00 PM PST on Wednesday, Dec 31.

Bring food to share. New board members will make coffee.
Bring your SK or Bug and make a contact or two.

Need info? Check www.w7dk.org
or email: webgeek@w7dk.org

Dateline: December 2008

Sparky's "View from the Shack"

This and that around the club, and more…

Sparky's *welcomes comments, ideas and letters to "The RCT View", but reserves the right to procrastinate, and generally ignore social engineering or cranky inputs. Editorial philosophy — While there occasionally may be reason and rhyme as we go along, the goal is to ramble through the many and varied activities of the Club and its members as we take another trip around the sun.*

- A New Year Awaits
- Some HF Fun… Sweepstakes
- Attaboys
- View from the Shack

A New Year Awaits…

We've had our annual election and Congratulations are in order to Harry Adams W7HSA as he joins the Club's management team, also to Gary McAdams WG7X who returns to the Board for yet another term, and of course to our new treasurer Joe K7AWJ and Jill K7JIL who garnered the top spot for two years.

Come January, we'll begin another year of trips around the sun. Now's the time to reflect and consider our options and what we want to accomplish in the coming year. We've been pretty good at the regular things, Straight Key night, Mother's Day Breakfast, the Kirkreit Picnic, Field Day, W7DK at the Fair and Hamfest, but not so stellar at emergency operations or public service. Perhaps its time for a few visionaries to step into the void and get our public service and emergency operations house in order… After all, it is the Amateur Radio Service.

Thanks to another successful Salmon Run Fundraiser, we have some funds to tackle needed projects and we have a talented team of folks sorting through the long list of things we need to select what we can best do…

We would also benefit from putting together our General and Extra training programs… Goodness knows there are plenty of folks out there who can do it and plenty more who would welcome the opportunity to move up the amateur hierarchy to better band access.

Recent HF operations have created interest too, the Salmon Run, as well as the recent ARRL SSB Sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes — W7DK Style

Thanks to the vision and coaxing of Al Ferguson N7OMS, we had an active clubhouse and HF station on the ARRL's SSB Sweepstakes event November 15th and 16th. Gary McAdams, WG7X, Pete David KK7QW, Worth Gurley W7WG, Doug Oakman AD7AV, Rich Patrick KR7W, and many others logged over 400 contacts during the two day session. Moreover, the Clubhouse itself was a busy place, plenty of Roddney WV7O's chili, hot dogs and Buns provided by Roger KE7EMV, and Chuck Kemmer AC7QN's tasty home made potato salad. Sparky also saw

fairly new hams getting acquainted with one of amateur radio's fun activities. Early on we had some transmission problems, but Rich KR7W leaped into the breach and brought in his 756 Pro II transceiver and later invented an interface to the Linear to help save the day.

The technical communications crew engineered several work-arounds (jury rig) to keep things crackling, but in the end wringing the systems out early seems

a better plan for future events… Despite the misfires and pitfalls, Well Done.

Attaboys:

Sparky notes — First, Al Ferguson, N7OMS for getting the Club's Sweepstakes activity organized. Al has a goal to get more folks involved in on-the-air activity and it's beginning to show positive results. Not to overlook Gary WG7X, Rich KR7W, and Pete KK7QW who were busy several days before the Sweepstakes contest tuning up the HF gear for the event.

We shouldn't forget the Election Team, who did a great job from beginning to counting. A tip of Sparky's hat to Charles KD7UAN, Jon AD7AW and Lynn K7OKS for a professional job well done.

View from the Shack…

Sparky thinks the recent increases in new Technicians, and the backlog of others who want to upgrade should prompt us to get our General Class act together…

Sparky notes that there are some encouraging signs in Pierce County emergency response efforts. The Pierce County Citizen's Corps and Pierce County DEM have joined in a partnership to promote amateur radio communications support for emergency operations. They have scheduled a Technicians course at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center in January.

The Disclaimer…

These articles are intended to browse through recent activities and coming events of possible interest to the Radio Club of Tacoma members. It will of course by design and intent be informal and attempt to record some of the Club's activities that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Sparky

" From here on up, it's all downhill"

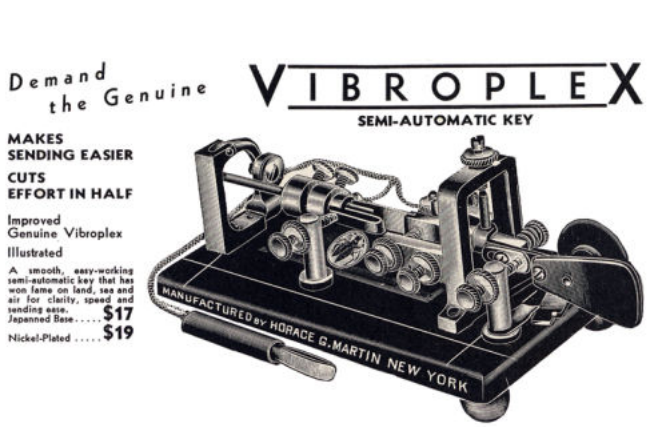
SWEEPSTAKES!!
Al, N7OMS

It's November 15th at 2059 UTC and all across the United States and Canada hams are waiting. Within moments the 75th running of the ARRL phone Sweepstakes will begin and W7DK is ready. At least that's the plan but Murphy has other ideas. We get several reports that our audio is very bad. It seems that the club's rig is acting up. Thanks to a quick trip home by Rich KR7W and the loan of his ICOM we are back in business minus the amplifier. At least we can start logging those sections. The contest is about making contact with as many of the 80 sections as you can over the 2 day event. What makes this contest such fun for the Radio Club of Tacoma is that we get to brag a bit. Part of the exchange is the date you were licensed. For us that is 16 as in 1916. This does cause some confusion.

We contacted several other Club stations that had low numbers for the exchange. W3GRF Potomac Valley Radio Club 1936, Clarkson University Electronic Society 1922 and W6YV University of Southern Cal. Amateur Radio Club 1919. We are not the oldest of all the Radio Clubs but we come darn close. This is one case where the older the cooler.

A good number of members came by over the weekend and all had a good time. We can all thank Roger KE7EMV for the hotdogs and chips. I'm just sorry that he couldn't stay. Several others brought food and we managed to make a good dent in it Saturday night. We even had leftovers for Sunday. I also want to thank Gary WG7X for mentoring several of us and for getting the amplifier on the air. It was nice to be able to reach the East Coast with such ease. Sunday saw me working a pileup with Gary's help, until he left! It was kind of scary at first but you get into a rhythm and as long as my typing kept up I was ok. I would say QRZ and a wall of noise was my reply. Keep calm and pick a call then the group became quiet so you could work the one you chose. Amazing and fun!

We didn't get a clean sweep but we did get 69 sections and 442 contacts. Who knows what next year will bring?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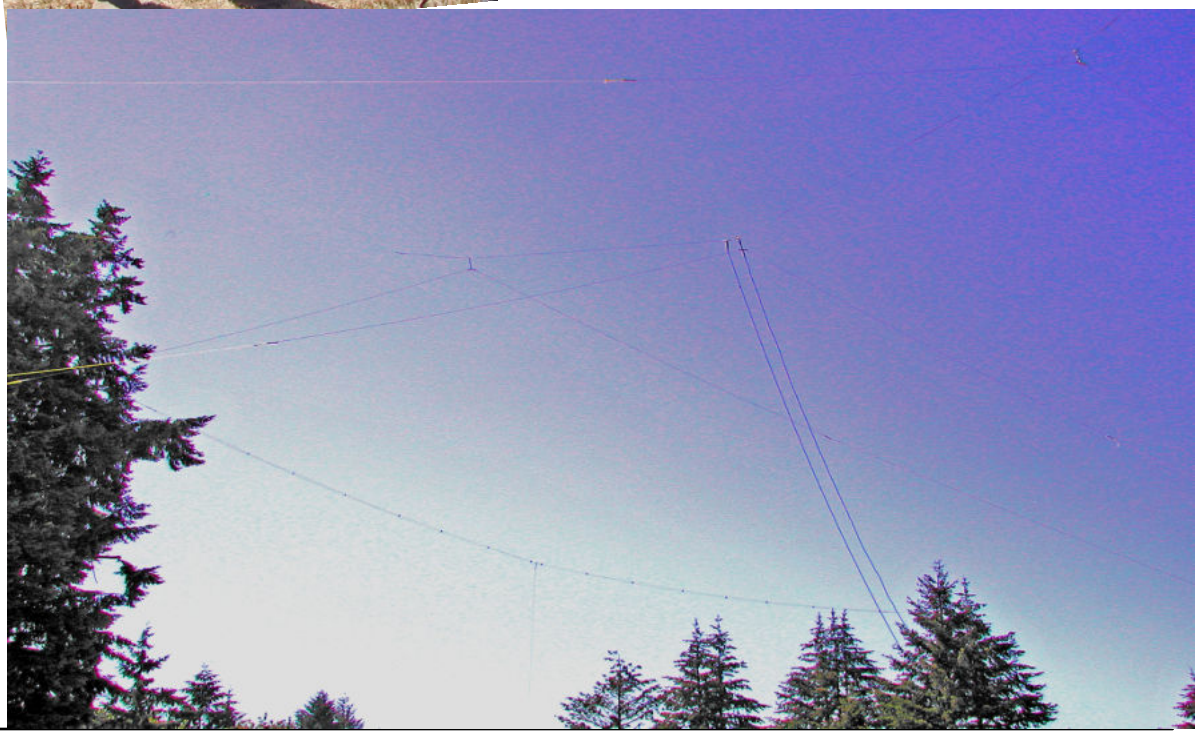
Field Day 2008… A View From the Back of the Bus… by Rich KR7W

Hello Barkie Readers… originally I wrote this pictorial article for the July 2008 issue. However, it got lost in the huge amount of data my computer contains. This article was never finished… but I will release it in its unfinished state for your perusal. Note: these fotos and verbiage are MY VIEW from my part of RCT's Field Day, 2008… which was at the two 40 Meter stations location.
Thanks for looking… Rich KR7W

Steve KD7UBE poses with his super-duper golf ball cannon. Special lead filled golf balls are shot with compressed air. The golf ball is connected to the fishing line that plays off of the reel. After the ball is retrieved from over the tree… then the rope is pulled up, antenna connected and hoisted up.

The foto below, the 40 Meter CW station's three element Yagi is hanging high between two tall fir trees thanks to Steve's efforts. The trees are about 100 ft high.



Above is Bob W7SKI (standing) and Hal W7EC (performing calculations in the van) assisting with the erection of the 40 Meter CW Wire Yagi. Rich KR7W (who built the Yagi) prepares the 225 ft long ropes that hold up each of the six elements. From end to end, the antenna is about 515 feet across (450 ft of rope). This year the antenna was approx 50 feet above the ground for great propagation to most of the right side of the continent.

Below… Hal shares some of his ideas. At this point in the set up… one of the wire elements had broken off of the boom. The antenna had to be lowered to the ground and the wire element soldered back in place. L to R: Hal W7EC, Rich KR7W, Gary WG7X, and Worth W7WG.

Bob KE7ECQ (a mechanical genius) assist Chuck AC7QN (a master fabricator and retired mechanical engineer) assemble the half wavelength Vertical antenna for the 40 Meter SSB station. This antenna is made from ABS sewer pipe, Aluminum irrigation pipe, and the top 9 feet is a retired fiberglass CB whip.

At the base of the antenna is a tuning circuit that matches the 50 ohm coax to the High Z antenna. It is very much like an AM radio station antenna.

Below is the big picture of the half wave vertical antenna in the field. It took 9 people to man the ropes to hoist and stake the antenna into place.

Chuck, AC7QN's bus housed both the 40M CW and SSB station. There was no inter-station interference this year… unlike other years.

The view at ***the back of the bus*** shows Rich KR7W's CW station. It was hot outside… but fairly cool inside of the bus. There was a nice cross breeze from side to side.

This foto shows Don AC7FA taking a turn in the 40 M SSB station chair. This station uses the 67 ft vertical antenna.

At the designated time of 1330 to 1430 the 40 M SSB station shut down to make the 5 Alternate Power QSOs. The power source is Chuck's Bike Generator which Bob KE7ECQ is pedaling in the foto.

A large crowd formed to witness this event. There was too much conversation and not enough concentration... so the Alternate Power QSOs were cancelled until a later time.

After the sun went down a bit which formed a nice shadow on the east side of the bus... the Alternate Power QSO event commenced. This time CW was tried due to the fact that there were more Morse stations on the air. Bob pedaled the bike and Rich KR7W used a miniature Russian Spy key with Chuck's Yaesu FT-817. Big trouble arose: Just as a contact was made... the radio clicked off. Yikes!

So happens that the RPMs must be just right in order for the DC generator to output correctly. Chuck got on the bike and pedaled until six QRP Alternate Power >> QSOs were made. Normally it is best to do this activity at the start of FD... so duplicate contacts will not be made. Pat WT7N was at the logging computer checking for dupes as Rich called out the call signs. Luckily... six stations were found that W7DK 40 M CW had not contacted yet.

Abrupt end of the article. Thanks for looking.
-30

I have a box full (probably a couple hundred?) of SAM'S PhotoFacts sheets covering TV's, console radios, table model radios and so on that (appears to) date back to the 40's and 50's. They are free to whomever wants them. I'm thinking of anyone who might be into restoring - or repairing - old radios & TV sets. If the BARK has already gone to press, maybe a notice could be put up on the bulletin board at the clubhouse, or the information given out on the various nets? I really hate to throw them out.

de Frank - W7FJB
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(206) 941-2624 - cell

Ever wonder what was inside an Ameritron AL-82? There it is… Two 3-500ZG powered by a herky power supply… Remember Kiddies: real radios glow in the dark!!!

PS: The Bunsmeister sez: Life's too short for QRP!!

"THE GROUP!"

Just a few of the local's enjoying an informal meeting at the 21-21 pub. From Left to right: Gary WG7X, Dave KE7LVU, Bud K7BUD and Bob W7EXC.

And yes, The camaraderie was great, the beer was cold, and football was on the telly!

What better way to spend a pre-thanksgiving day afternoon?

Thanks to Harry N7DOE, who took the picture and refused to get into a group shot with this bunch!

Can't say that I blame him considering….

Ed...

MUSEUM MUSINGS

News from the Clifford J Doc Spike Museum

R U QRV? The ARRL's Straight Key Night is just around the corner… only one month away as I write this.

For the last few years myself and other members of the Museum Committee spiff up the W7OS Clifford 'Doc' Spike Museum and host Straight Key Night (SKN). What is SKN? The newer hams might be wondering…. SKN is a ARRL sponsored 'on the air' get together where operators are encouraged to get out their CW keys and communicate with each other "the old fashioned way". Back in the day when hams had to know Morse Code and the code keys of the day were the Straight Key or Bug.

SKN is sort of like a contest because there are some rules… such as a start and end time and some recommended info to exchange between the two operators. However, it is pretty casual and the Morse conversations can go on for 10 minutes or more.

Some SKN enthusiasts not only get out their old keys… but they take it a few steps further by getting out their old rigs and put them on the air. It is common to hear a chirpy or buzzing CW signal right along with the perfect keyed IC-7800. The idea is to have some fun and make some contacts with Morse Code.

In the past the W7OS Museum has put the Old Oak Rig… AKA "Old Chirpy" on the air along with its companion receiver, the Hammarlund HQ120X. This year the Old Oak Rig will be sitting out in the sidelines because of an injury. Instead, the geek in the Museum will be on the air with two newer old stations. We will be using the HQ120X with either a Heathkit DX-35 or Knightkit T-50 fed into the Old Oak Rig's Antenna Tuner. The other station is a recently refurbished Drake 2NT transmitter and aDrake 2B receiver with Q Multiplier. "Hey, what about the Globescout?"… you ask. The old Globescout 65 transmitter is also ailing. It's first oscillator stage is not working and it is in the diagnostic position on the Museum workbench. The two above mentioned rigs should prove to be more reliable and more fun for the CW ops who come to make some SKN QSOs.

The SKN Party begins on December 31, Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 PM. This is a Potluck Dinner affair for Radio Club of Tacoma members and their guests. Everyone is encouraged to bring food to share. The radio club has plastic ware and paper plates. Coffee will be made by the newly elected Board Members. Got questions? Email me at: webgeekXX@w7dk.org. (remove the XX from this address to ensure delivery). Or call me at home in the evening at two-seven-four-8657. Please pardon my cryptic-ness. I wanna fool the Spam-Bots so I don't get any more annoying emails or phone calls.

In the near future the W7OS Museum will undergo some more changes for the better. Remember last year? In the museum… the workbench was relocated, the Old Oak Rig was moved away from the window (in case of a fire), and some shelving was added. That was completed before Straight Key Night and the changes provided for more room for folks to be in the room. The new plans for the Museum include removing the remaining built in benches and shelves on the south wall, moving the electrical outlets to be flush with the wall, repairing the demo work, and adding some operating tables in the room to set up some old timey stations .

Operating tables? Yes… like the Old Oak Rig sits on. The Museum committee thinks that it will be more historical to create some stations like hams had back in the old days. We want to set up working stations that could be connected

to the iron wire antenna that feeds the museum. We also would like to rotate the displays on the operating tables to show off some of the equipment that most members have never seen. See photos below to get an idea of what we want to accomplish

Everett Sutton, At His Station, 7DJ

Ev Sutton, 7DJ, of Port Angeles. 1923 QST

A simple table, chair, and some wires that go out the window. Hey… that's how I did it when I was a beginning ham in the early 1960s… and I bet all of you antique members had your station set up about the same way.

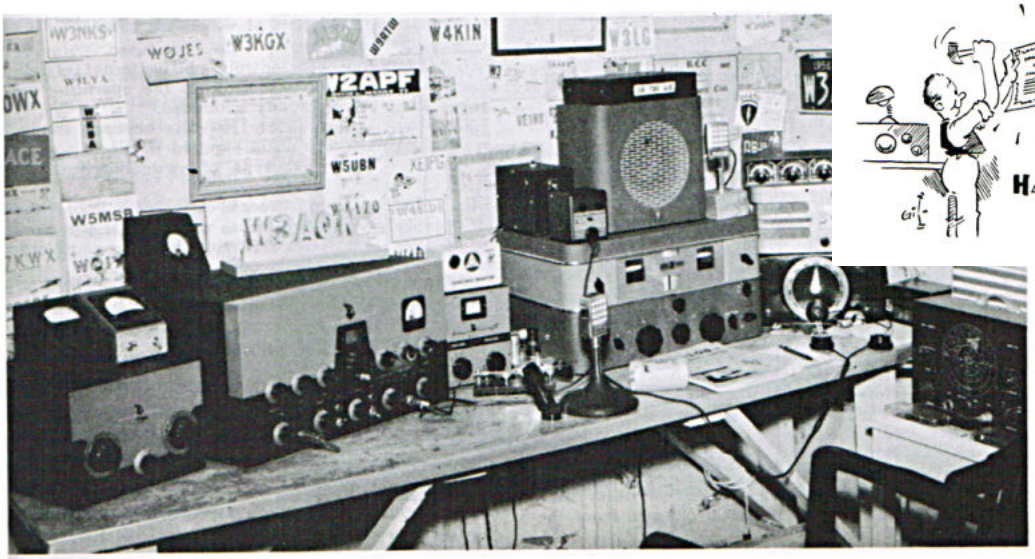
The Museum remodeling most likely will not begin until after Straight Key Night… so we will put up with the old built in benches for a short while longer

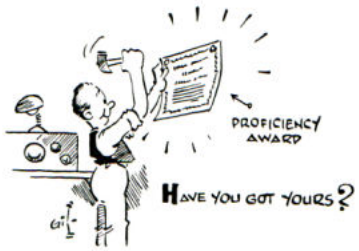
Gary WG7X was posting some QSL cards on the sloped ceiling of the Museum today to illustrate the idea. See W3AQN's shack below with the

It's Dot Willet, W8UDA. Although blind, Dot was a faultless CW operator on the bands. 1941 QST.

QSL cards on the wall. That's the image of old timey ham radio the Museum Committee is attempting to portray.

Club Members… don't forget. Straight Key Night is Dec. 31 (New Years Eve), a Wednesday, beginning at 4:00 PST (that's 0000 UTC on Jan 1, for you Zulu watch owners). Bring your straight key or Bug… bring some food to share… have some fun. Oh yah, one more tidbit. It is easy to get carried away with chit-chatting at a social event like this… But, Please remember: It's important to be quiet in the Museum when the CW operators are in QSO with another station. Thanks for reading this far. R U QRV?...Regards, Rich KR7W -30





W3AQN. From 1963 ARRL Handbook, the "Setting Up Your Station" chapter

Happy Birthday December

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
3	Hal Stahlhut	**W7EC**	673
4	Joe Douglas	**KC7FF**	868
6	Frank Palmer	**AC7JY**	1992
6	Jerry Bennett	**KD7OPE**	2126
10	Cynthia Trainer	**KE7NXM**	2350
12	Dale Morrison	**AD7SQ**	2351
14	Bill Drum	**KJ7KT**	1213
15	Jack Moore	**WA7ENB**	729
16	Jim Swanson	**WA7JIM**	2155
16	Ken Scott	**KB7UXT**	1603
16	Rob Stewart	**WB7QCS**	1181
18	Bob Gates	**W7BJ**	580
18	Doug Smith	**W7ZZ**	768
19	Dee Patton	**KE7BBZ**	2315
21	Randy Myers	**WB4SPB**	2050
26	Joel Lydy	**KC7CKC**	2343
28	Bill Rohrer	**W7IJ**	381
28	Chuck Souter	**KA7HJN**	1924

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To RCT Member:

DECEMBER 2008 EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS: Wednesdays December 10th and 24th at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: Wednesday December 3rd, 7:30 PM at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome.

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Support our club: Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz.

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz.